Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Unidentified Remains Project and Forensic Equipment Replacement in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office, located at 950 E. 21st St., Kansas City, MO 64108.

The funding would support various capital expenditures, including the Forensic Genetic Genealogy program to help find the identities of deceased, unidentified individuals. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this government agency provides instrumental work that cannot be handled by any other entity.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 34 U.S.C. § 10152.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Emanuel Cleaver, II Member of Congress